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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A
PRIOR TO ACTION

APPLICANT(S): Stefan Hennen et al
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: P01,0085
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO: PCT/EP99/06285
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INVENTION: TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM AS WELL AS A
METHOD FOR ITS OPERATION

10 Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

15 Applicants herewith amend the above-referenced PCT application, and
request entry of the Amendment prior to examination on the United States
Examination Phase.

20 IN THE CLAIMS:

On page 8:

replace line 1 with --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--;

Please replace original claims 1-33 with the following rewritten claims 1-33,
referring to the mark-ups in Appendix A.

25 A1 1. (Amended) A method for operating a telecommunication system that
contains data traffic units and clock handling units that can comprise both lines as
well as assemblies, in which at least one part can be redundantly operated, said
method comprising the steps of:

30 defining a redundancy for a defined redundancy entity, said defined
redundancy entity being either at least one part of said data traffic units or at least
one part of said clock handling units;